Designing for Nonmotorized Transportation

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The following presentation and resources have been cited by Christopher Douwes as materials and references that can be used to explain the Recreational Trails Program (RTP), Transportation Enhancement (TE) activities, or for information on trail design or designing for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Federal Transportation Funds Benefit Recreation
- Basic facts about the Transportation Enhancements Program, and the Recreational Trails Program. Updated January 2011.

Designing for Nonmotorists – a presentation
- Delivered to FHWA Field Engineers Learning and Development Seminar. Updated January 2011.

Program and Design Guidance for State and Local Governments
- A compendium of FHWA guidelines on design, planning, financial management, accessibility, and other resources. Updated December 2010.

US DOT Policy Statement on Bike/Ped Accommodations
- Updated policy guidance issued March 2010.

MUTCD Guidance on Traffic Controls for Bicycle Facilities
- Chapter 9 addresses on and off road bicycle facilities. Revised 2009.

Recreational Trails Program Guidance

Transportation Enhancements Program Guidance
- Includes state best practices, information on state Categorical Exclusions, and guidance on trail design, construction, and maintenance. Updated December 2010.
Additional Resources and Recognitions

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- Thank you to the US Access Board, for well developed guidelines to ensure that our facilities consider all users. See http://www.access-board.gov.

- Many thanks to many others who have continued to improve planning, design, construction, maintenance, and operations for pedestrians and bicyclists, for recreational trails, and for transportation enhancements that improve our communities. Many of these organizations are listed in the Resources presentation: http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bikeped/design_nonmotor/resources/.


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http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/recrails
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